

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1060
By Ferguson

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Elder Rue Eskridge, Sr.
of Roane County.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Elder Rue Eskridge, Sr.; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Eskridge was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, after courageously serving in the United States Army during World War II, Mr. Eskridge attended college in Boston, Massachusetts, where he graduated and received his funeral director's license; and

WHEREAS, Elder Eskridge served with acumen and alacrity as the co-owner of Bragg and Eskridge Funeral Home, in which position he earned the respect of his clients and colleagues alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, he also served at the Kingston TVA Steam Plant for thirty-one years as both a laborer and a laborer foreman; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Eskridge was an active and devout member of the church, which he served faithfully for many years as a deacon, until he received his calling into the ministry, and he devoted the rest of his life to fulfilling God's work; and

WHEREAS, Elder Eskridge served as the Pastor of Phillippi Primitive Baptist Church in Rockwood for thirty-three years, and he was the Pastor of Mount Eagle Primitive Baptist Church in Chattanooga for thirty-four years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Eskridge further served his community as the Religious Affairs Leader of the NAACP Roane County Chapter, the Moderator of the Ebenezer Primitive Baptist Association, and as a member of the Preacher's Ministerial Association; and

WHEREAS, Elder Eskridge was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Eskridge enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Katheryn Eliza Hill Eskridge, and was the proud father of Mary Kilgo, Mae Eskridge, Rue Eskridge Jr., Calvin Eskridge, Roy Eskridge, and Eugene Collier; and

WHEREAS, Elder Rue Eskridge, Sr., will be deeply missed by his forty-one grandchildren, fifty-three great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends; and

WHEREAS, Elder Eskridge leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Elder Rue Eskridge, Sr., reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Eskridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.